

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would authorize the Secretary of State to order a post-election audit of certain election results after a general or primary election, using procedures he would be required to provide to county clerks at least 60 days prior to the election. Conducting such an audit would increase public confidence in election results by checking the paper ballots, which exist for each and every vote cast in Idaho, against the election results that counties tabulate and report for the audited precincts. Audit findings could result in the Secretary of State ordering the audit of additional ballots.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation requires the Secretary of State to include the estimated cost of conducting post-election audits as part of his normal budget request for election costs. These costs would be unlikely to exceed \$100,000 in statewide costs per election.

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